dubious distinction of being the most populous country in the world;

(b) whether Government plan to adopt some innovative measures to curtail the population explosion in BIMARU States; and

(c) whether Government believe that with the development of infrastructure and improvement in quality of life all its citizens would try to limit the size of the family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The projected population of India and China as per United Nations publication (World Population Prospects-1998), for the year 2050 is 1529 million and 1478 million respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir. An Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to facilitate the preparation, implementation and supervision of area-specific programmes for the States of M.P., U.P., Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal. A new Budget Head of "EAG Schemes" with an outlay of Rs.'250 crores in the 10th Five Year Plan has been approved for addressing the unmet needs in these States only.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Urology Departments in Hospitals

2268. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urology Departments are functioning in Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital;

(b) if so, the budget allocation for these Departments during the Ninth and Tenth Plan periods, year-wise for each hospital;

(c) the funds allocated, actually utilized during the last five years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure optimum utilization of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) While Urology Department is functioning in Safdarjung Hospital, a Urology Unit is functioning under the administrative control of Surgery Department in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. There is no separate budgetary allocation department-wise. The financial requirement of these Department/Unit is met from the over all Budget allocation of the respective Hospital. The monitoring of the utilization of the allocated Budget amount is undertaken regularly and all out efforts are made for the optimal utilization of the Budgeted funds.

Outbreak of Diseases

†2269. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the start of rainy season, various types of deadly diseases spread killing a large number of people;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it is occuring due to expensive treatment and lack of amenities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Seasonal rise of water and vector borne diseases is normally observed with the start of rainy season. Adequate health care facilities are available at various Government Hospitals for treatment of the patients, mainly the needy, suffering from these diseases. For prevention and control of various such diseases like Malaria, Filaria etc., National Health Programmes such as National Anti-Malaria Programme has been in operation in the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. In order to identify the early warning signals of outbreaks of these diseases, National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases is in operation in 101 districts. Under the Tenth Five Year Plan, an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme is envisaged to strengthen the mechanism of surveillance of various diseases in the country.

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